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## Priority registration defies 'Master Plan'

By ANNA L. VILLA  
News Editor

Giving first-year and continuing students with defined majors first priority, in terms of enrollment, is a master plan for disaster critics say.

Jesse Hernandez, Valley's ASU president said the plan being toyed around by state community college officials is a direct attack on California's Master Plan for Higher Education. "It's limiting access for students and is in direct violation of the Master Plan," Hernandez said.

According to the Daily News, state community college officials are considering the plan in order to make up for the closure of the many classes that, this semester, shut out so many of the community college system's 1.5 million students statewide.

"They [officials] see a problem, that we're understaffed and underfunded and they're attacking students not the tax structure. They're weeding the students out covertly. No one wants to say it, no one wants to say 'we can't afford you,'" Hernandez said.

Under the plan, according to the Daily News, transfer students or those holding a vocational degree would receive first enrollment priority.

Of those students, continuing and recent high school graduates would rank first, followed by new and returning students without degrees and students holding bachelor's or higher degrees.

"They're choking us with one hand and hitting us with the other," Hernandez said. "They've doubled our fees by 100 percent in the past two years and they're ignoring the original Master Plan."

The Master Plan was mandated by the state legislature in 1959 in an effort to move the two-year college system to a higher level of education. It opened the doors for more people to return to school for retraining, and as a stepping stone for transfer students and high school dropouts.

"I was dissatisfied with the high school system and I was just happy to get in school knowing that I was doing something for myself—half of my council is like that," Hernandez said. The proposal would shutout students in similar situations he added.

Erica Hauck, student trustee, said her immediate reaction to the proposal is the state should not impose such a rule to the colleges. "It should be up to the college and the district in which it lies."

"Every college is demographically different. The student population on each campus will vary so much from one district to another...the campus should determine who is most in need, not the state," Hauck said.

Hernandez said Los Angeles Community College District officials have vowed to fight the proposal which will be presented to the Board of Governors next month, according to the Daily News. "We're lucky we have a Board of Trustees committed to fight it," Hernandez said.



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## Jazzing up the airwaves

LAVC Jazz Band will perform tonight at 8 p.m. in Music Room 112. The LAVC Jazz Ensemble will also hold a performance, Monday, Dec. 13 at noon in Music Room 112. Both groups rehearse in music classes conducted by Professor Woody James. LAVC students are also welcome to sit-in during jazz rehearsals.



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New EIC—Nancy Vigran appointed for Spring

## New EIC Vigran returns to Star

By JENNIFER CASE  
Opinion Editor

She's back!

After serving as the Editor in Chief for the last three issues of the spring semester, Nancy Vigran picked up the reigns again to guide the Star to new levels of success.

Out of three applicants, Vigran was unanimously chosen by department faculty because they agreed on her experience and leadership qualities.

"She's well qualified for the position. She has proven her ability and I'm looking forward to excellence in the coming semester," Roger Graham, Department Chairperson of Photography, Journalism/Media Arts, said.

Vigran, who describes herself as compassionate, said she thinks she is ready for the job.

"I have done the coursework at LAVC and I feel that I have good leadership qualities," she said. "I work well with other people."

Some of the necessary coursework included taking a class with now deceased journalism professor, Leo Garapedian.

The 10 weeks she spent in his class before he died had an important impact on her, Vigran said.

"He gave me the gift of realizing that if you want something bad enough you can go out and get it," she said.

Now serving as the associate editor for *Watchbird*, a non-profit avicultural magazine, Vigran also does other freelance work.

"One can make a living in something they enjoy," she said.

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—Roger Graham

Not only does she enjoy photography, but her number one love is her "animals," she said. Her menagerie includes three horses and many birds (everything from parrots to finches) with whom she spends about four hours a day.

By "taking a class here and a class there," Vigran managed to earn a degree in liberal arts and photojournalism. Planning to transfer to Cal State Fresno, she hopes to obtain a B.A. in photojournalism.

For now, her focus is to produce a quality college newspaper.

Some of her plans include covering a wider span of the campus. In hopes to gear the publication more toward student interest, Vigran plans to have the new staff talk to teachers, students and faculty "night and day" to find out what interests them in a newspaper.

"My goal is to produce a newspaper that includes a wide variety of interests for its readers," she said.

During her short term as previous editor, she said she didn't have time to finish what she started, but she has many memories. Vigran had to jump into her first issue right as the L.A. riots began.

Many of the staff photographers went down to shoot material for a Gallery. Although the time was stressful, the excitement spread among the staff.

"I was energized," Vigran said, but was too tired the morning after her first issue came out to really rejoice in the success.

With time to prepare this time, her success seems to be insured based on past performances.

"I think she will be a strong leader in helping the Star on its way back up," Fall EIC, Anna Villa, said.

Experienced journalism student, Donna Ramos said she thinks Vigran is very conscientious and tries to do the best she can do.

"She knows how to talk to people," Ramos said. "That's the most important part of the job."

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Important dates for Spring semester '93

- Jan. 16 — Sat. classes begin.
- Jan. 19 — Evening classes begin.
- Jan. 20 — Day classes begin.
- Feb. 1 — Last day to receive refund of enrollment fees.
- Feb. 12 — Last day to drop without receiving a "W".
- Apr. 23 — Last day to drop classes.

New Horizons Center provides counseling, workshops and classes for single parents and returning homemakers. Classes offered in Spring include Personnel Development Seminar and Career Planning. For information contact Barbara Goldberg, Director in Bungalow 14, ext. 332 or 246.



## Car insurance laws still confusing

By TAMARA CHRISTIAN  
Staff Writer

While tuition fees continue to skyrocket as the economy plummets, some students can't afford to pay for books let alone auto insurance.

Deemed just another unnecessary nuisance, books and food become a priority leaving these students unwillingly disobeying the law.

Insurance becomes a luxury.

An automobile insurance survey taken from L.A.V.C. students resulted in frightening numbers, approx. 50 percent of the students who have an automobile do not have auto insurance.

To extend this survey onto the open road might not meet these same results.

Not surprisingly, more night students had insurance than students who attend class in the daytime.

One reason for the difference could be attributed to the fact that most day jobs are "career" jobs which usually generate more in-

come. Night students, who usually work in bars/restaurants, or retail stores make significantly less money.

Although insurance is costly, some students who can afford to pay it, don't. According to the survey taken on Friday Dec. 4 in Mr. Pagans' Mathematics class some students shouted that "auto insurance is a rip-off" and that its ex-

ortion."

L.A.V.C. students are not the only ones that are unhappy in talking with The State of California Insurance Department hotline operator (Tom).

"Every company has been reported by consumers for some thing at one time or another some companies a lot more than others," Tom said.

Bigger companies like State Farm and All State are at the top of the 50 most reported companies list of complaints.

Further information found added to the above foundation in the December 4 issue of the Daily News Business section an article indirectly displayed that people have a right to be upset, California Insurance

Commissioner John Garamendi said.

State Farm Insurance CO., the state's largest insurer, was "abandoning the poor by refusing to sell affordable policies to the state's inner-city residents."

In response Vice President of State Farm's California operation Roger Tompkins "denied that the company was under serving inner-city communities and blamed the lack of insurance on a crisis in insurance cost."

Either way you look at auto insurance, it's a rip-off with some policies costing up to 1,500.00 dollars a year or more.

Do you know that the company you're insured with is legitimate?

Is Proposition 100 Insurance Rates, Regulation initiative doing its job since it was voted in by Californians in the 1988 election? Is our government's Department of Insurance reviewing and approving rates and changes adequately?

Unfortunately, the resounding answer from the students is no. Do you know who your insurance company really is?

Meeting with tough resistance from state representatives, school officials, parents and students, Wilson was forced to back down, but not before he managed to significantly raise fees throughout the UC, CSU and community college systems.

Just a reminder: At community colleges registration fees for the spring semester rose from \$6 per unit with a \$60 cap to \$10 per unit with no cap.

Cutbacks in health care for the elderly and welfare were compounded in November's election by the threat of Prop. 165. Although Wilson's proposition did not pass, he blatantly showed his ignorance by suggesting that California was in a financial crisis because it was spending too much on the wrong things. The main wrongful expenditure, as identified by Wilson and Prop. 165 backers, is welfare.

But under the guise of Prop. 165 semantics was a plea for voters to grant the governor more power. It would allow the governor to reform the budget and welfare processes and to move welfare back towards its original purpose as a TEMPORARY SAFETY NET. Not a temporary way of life."

Plus, a clause in the proposal required the governor's approval of any override attempt and although proponents said Prop. 165 would protect education, another clause said no one could stop the governor from making cuts in education.

It may seem a moot point to

## Wilson runs education into ditch

With Pete Wilson's term coming to an end soon, it is time to think about not re-electing him.

By ANNA L. VILLA  
News Editor

He's still behind the wheel and he's bent on running our educational vehicle, if not the state, into a ditch.

This summer, Governor Pete Wilson showed Californians not only his disregard for education, but for the elderly and the poor. He formed a political stalemate with state legislature mainly over education, in which he was eager to implement steep tuition hikes and massive cutbacks, all of which, he theorized, would balance the state budget.

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drudge up days-of-old but voters will once again make a trek to the polls in 1993 and one of the names

on the ballot in the governor's slot may be Pete Wilson's. Even if that is merely speculation, he may do it so be wary.

Yet that isn't enough. Being wary of one politician, whose track record is trod with mud, won't affect the rest of our money and power-hungry state and federal representatives. It may be hard to read past the campaign promises but Americans need to take a closer look at who they pick to lead our country. But foremost they must make it to the voting polls.

Voters must continuously keep tabs on leaders and through voting call them on their decisions. With the continuing downslide of economic and social issues we cannot afford to let rich bureaucrats get away with packing the middle and lower classes with taxes and increased fees.

It's not a quick remedy to all our ills but voting is the best weapon we have in our representative government.

So just one other reminder: Gov. Wilson is still behind the wheel.

## Letter to the Editor

### Counselor shortage acknowledged

The editorial on the counseling office in the November 19 issue of the *Star* offered welcome recognition of the severe understaffing of the counseling office and some of the adverse ramifications of that understaffing.

In that light, the article was valuable and appropriately supportive of our additional personnel needs.

However, the editorial's assumption that since counselors are so frequently "booked through the

week", they must not care about students, is ludicrous.

The fact that we counselors must handle overload volumes of students both in brief "drop-in" mode and in scheduled appointments demon-

strates not a lack of caring for the students, but rather our willingness to stretch ourselves as much as possible in the service of our valuable clientele.

LAVC counselors have a significantly heavier student-to-counselor ratio than at any of the other eight colleges in our district.

Particularly during rush periods, outside of scheduled appointments, we are limited to five-minute "drop-

in" sessions. The information we can provide in that short amount of time is still better than no information at all.

Much of the problem derives from students waiting until registration time to schedule an appointment with a counselor. In mid-semester, it is easier to get an appointment.

The remainder of the problem is too few counselors, whether during or in between registration periods. With adequate staffing, we would be able to give full, intensive appointments to all 18,000 students who need and deserve them. In the current economic climate, though, the fact that students have at least some access to counselors should be heartening.

You do what you can with what you have.

Dr. Steven Mark Sachs  
Counselor

### Torment of abuse is widespread

I am writing in response to an article in last week's issue, "If Only She Could've Called." My ex-

husband almost led me to my death two years ago.

After all the overwhelming pain, suffering and torment of a trial, it is of no surprise to me that statistics show many women end up killing the batterer that continues to beat up on her.

It is extremely difficult for the women to break the pattern of power and control that the abusive partner overshadows her with.

It's time we all recognize the severity of the problem with domestic violence. A marriage license should not be a death certificate, neither should it be a certificate for a disability check for the rest of one's life.

My ex-husband threw me into a

brick wall and a sliding glass door after he beat me for about two hours.

I ran to the neighbors bleeding profusely. It was Halloween and they thought I was in a costume. I just had major upper back surgery and will have some disability for the rest of my life.

It is of no surprise to me that Yvonne Webb killed her husband. A grave injustice is being done to all victims.

My ex-husband was sentenced to thirty days in jail. Why was this woman sentenced to thirty years? She was only protecting her own life.

Joyce Unsworth

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## Phelps cancels police review

By JENNIFER CASE  
Opinion Editor

Chancellor Donald G. Phelps cancelled the committee to evaluate and review police operations last week, after the committee's existence and composition were questioned by campus police and union officials, according to his Dec. 3 memo.

After the formation of the committee "raised concerns" among college police captains, the police union leadership and rank and file officers, Phelps opted to refer the review process to "an outside consultant," according to his memo.

*"I don't know what's going on in his [Phelps] head...We just don't understand."*

—Leon Marzillier

"It was blown out of proportion. I didn't think he [Phelps] would do such an irrational thing," LAVC Police Captain, Karl Traber, said about the rumors to disband the police. "Staff and students would never go for it, anyway. They want to be protected," he said.

AFT Guild President, Leon Marzillier, who originally suggested that the committee have police representation, said he was pleased with the short term results. "I think we were successful in getting him to back down," he said.

Although the committee was cancelled, Marzillier still has questions. "We're still wondering what an outside consultant is. I don't know what's going on in his head," he said. "We just don't understand."

Phelps said the intent and purpose of the committee was just misunderstood. In his memo, Phelps said he believes the police are performing in an "exemplary manner," but "it is essential that we look at all support services of the district to include police."

Marzillier agrees that all operations should be examined to save costs, but doesn't understand why Phelps continues to scrutinize the police.

At the last D-PAC meeting, Marzillier said that Phelps said some "bad things about the police that were out of line."

"He is again attacking the police," he said. "It's not like he harps on other things."

The District Director of Public Affairs, Fausto Capobianco, said other aspects of campus services are being examined, too. A committee to review cafeteria performance on each campus has already been formed.

*"The campus police protect very valuable property. We're concerned he [Phelps] is not appreciating police as he should be."*

—Leon Marzillier

"The police are a big ticket," Capobianco said. "You can't calculate cost by salary alone. You have to look at benefits."

According to Capobianco, the police are regarded as "safety officials" and receive greater benefits than the average employee.

"The campus police protect very valuable property," Marzillier said. "We're concerned he [Phelps] is not appreciating police as he should be."

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Extended library hours

Valley's library will extend its weekend hours during finals week beginning Dec. 12/13 and Dec. 19/20.

- Sat. and Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Mon. to Thurs. 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Fri. 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Funds for the extra hours were made available through ASU. The library will close Dec. 23 and will reopen the first day of the spring semester.

### ASU elections

Voting for the spring semester ASU commissioner posts is going on now and will last until I don't know when. The following is a list of candidates:

- Commissioner of Athletics — Carlos Cueva
- Commissioner of Campus Improvements — Melanie Weber
- Commissioner of Disabled Awareness — Ragna Vida
- Commissioner of Fine Arts — Joe Slepak
- Commissioner of Native Americans — Enrique Lepe
- Commissioner of Public Relations — Donald Graham
- Commissioner of Scholastic Activities — Sarah Collett
- Commissioner of Women's Concerns — Melvy A. Murguia
- Commissioner of Social Activities — Rafael Martinez

### Free seminar for women victims of violence

The Forte Foundation, a non-profit organization, will be holding a free seminar Saturday, Jan. 9 at CSUN for women who have fallen victim to violence. Two sessions will be held that day and will focus on prevention, legal counseling and will provide free therapy.

The first session lasts from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and another will begin at 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m..

For more information or seat reservations, contact Jason Rind at the Forte Foundation:

(818) 905-8266.

### Department of Energy gives a boost to college students

Fellowship money is available for students interested in pursuing master's or doctoral degrees in areas such as health physics, environmental restoration and waste management.

The U.S. Department of Energy is offering thousands of dollars through graduate fellowship programs to help students pursue their educational careers. For more information contact Tom Richmond of the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education at:

P.O. Box 117,  
Oak Ridge, Tenn. 37831-0117.

### Employment office offers student assistant program

The state employment office is welcoming college students currently enrolled in six or more units to help unemployment applicants fill out forms, answer questions and help at-risk youths find jobs.

Students will be trained and can earn from \$6.88 to \$7.50 per hour. Work hours are flexible.

For more information contact Melissa Goodearle, recruiter of students assistants, at the State Employment Office in Glendale in the development department at:

(818) 409-0461.  
Or pick up an application at:  
1255 So. Central Ave..

### FINAL EXAMINATION SCHEDULE FALL SEMESTER 1992

December 15, 1992 to December 23, 1992.  
Except for classes of less-than-semester length. THE LAST DAY OF INSTRUCTION FOR ALL DAY AND EVENING CLASSES is Monday, December 14, 1992. Classes which meet only one day per week will have their final exam at the first regular class meeting after December 14. Classes of less-than-semester length will have their final exam at the last class meeting.

All evening classes (4 p.m. and later) will have their final exam as follows:

Monday classes: December 21

Tuesday classes: December 15

Wednesday classes: December 16

Thursday classes: December 17

Final examinations MUST be held on the DAY AND TIME SCHEDULED in regularly assigned classrooms and should not exceed two hours in duration. The date of the final exam is determined by the first day and first hour a class meets.

To use the schedule below, locate the day and hour of your class on the grid. In case of problems or conflicts, see the instructor.

Final Exam Times	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8-10 am		DEC 15 7 & 7:30 am T or Th	DEC 16 8 & 8:30 am M, W, or F	DEC 17 8 & 8:30 am T or Th	DEC 18 9 & 9:30 am M, W, or F	DEC 19 All Saturday Classes
10:30 am-12:30 pm		10 & 10:30 am T or Th	11 & 11:30 am M, W or F	11 & 11:30 am T or Th	12 & 12:30 pm M, W or F	
1-3 pm		1 & 1:30 pm T or Th	1 & 1:30 pm M, W or F	2 & 2:30 pm T or Th	2 & 2:30 pm M, W or F	
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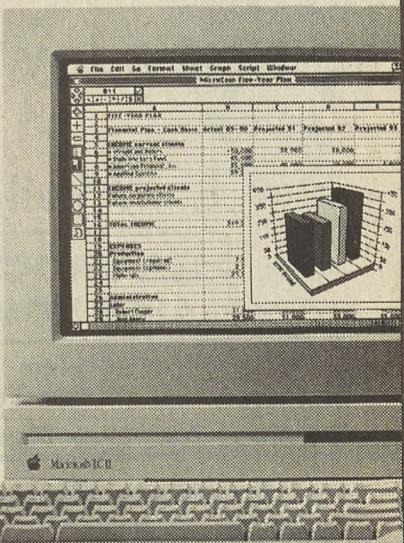


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## 'X' — erasing negative stigmas

By JENNIFER CASE  
Opinion Editor

As the screen showed an American flag burning into the shape of an "X," Spike Lee began to craft a story.

X is a true story about a controversial man. This should not have been a difficult task for one of the most controversial directors in Hollywood. But although telling his story wasn't difficult, Lee quickly found out that making the film would be.

According to *Entertainment Weekly*, Lee seized control from the original director, Norman Jewison, the director of *Moonstruck*, and set the stage for a topsy-turvy production. Apparently, despite reported turmoil, Lee didn't stop for anything or anyone.

Lee went \$5 million over his \$28 million budget, so he kicked in \$2 million of his \$3 million salary. And in the "Do for self" spirit of Malcolm X, he solicited funds from Bill Cosby, Oprah Winfrey and Michael Jordan when Warner would not let him have his way.

*As with other powerful individuals, Malcolm was intensely scrutinized and constantly questioned.*

The end result, is a powerful portrayal of Malcolm X, played by Denzel Washington, who claims to like a "low-profile," but made a new and even bigger name for himself after the movie came out.

Washington bore such an uncanny likeness to the real Malcolm, it was hard to distinguish the two. While studying the role, Washington watched endless tapes of his speeches perfecting intonations and mannerisms. Coupled with the movie's humanistic approach to Malcolm, Washington's very con-

vincing performance made the movie even stronger.

Skilfully using his poetic license, Lee successfully managed to help erase the negative stigma attached to Malcolm by showing the story behind the headlines.

As with other powerful individuals, Malcolm was intensely scrutinized and constantly questioned. As I began to sympathise with Malcolm, I learned what it felt to feel sharp forbidding stares brought on by color.

But perhaps the most welcome realization was when the meaning of X was explained. In Mathematics, an X stands for the unknown. Malcolm chose to replace his master-given name with an X. X stood for heritage lost but not forgotten. X stood for pride, brotherhood and unity.

A powerful example of this unity was marked when Malcolm led a large group of Muslims to the local jail because a black male who had been beaten by the police needed medical attention and wasn't receiving it.

Dressed in business suits, the line of men formed a wall around the police station. They didn't leave until Malcolm thought their job was done and, with the flip of his finger, directed the group to leave in single-file.

Keeping the momentum until the end, Lee made one fatal mistake. Instead of exiting with the forceful impact of the scene of Malcolm's death, Lee plows forward into mini-speeches which were equivalent to hitting viewers over the head.

Overall themes of justice, corruption, love and power more than compensated for the drawn out ending.

Not only did Lee accomplish his goal of erasing the negative stigma about the legend as someone to be feared, he informed and educated, which is really the first step in eradicating racism. Malcolm X was an epic to be remembered.

L.A. Valley College Associated Student Union

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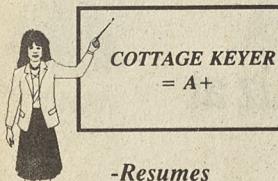
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## Music Dept. presents holiday season program

By ROBERT MAIZE  
Staff Writer

The Virgin Mary is played with

contemporary zeal by Karen Podrasky. Podrasky gives the young, single Mary a strong sense of female liberation made possible only by her own experiences as a young woman living in the 1990s. Once Mary realizes her destiny as the Mother of Jesus Christ, Podrasky successfully reflects the character's divine transition.

Joseph, perhaps the most accurately cast, is played by Jim Crogan. Crogan successfully bridges the gap between serious concern for his and Mary's predicament and the Author's comedic intent.

The story's infamous "bad guy," King Herod, is humorously played by Danny Kusuoki. Kusuoki portrays Herod as an eccentric fool, but with a sense of irony. Ranting and raving about Christ being a threat to the "messianic hope" of an entire people, Kusuoki crash lands, Kamikaze-style, into center stage.

The play also features up-tempo renditions of famous Christmas Carols which add to the comedic theme.

Also featured are fine performances by the rest of the cast making the play perhaps the most enjoyable holiday spoof since, "The Grinch That Stole Christmas."

Using the holiday season for its theme, the LAVC Music Department presented a diverse concert of vocal music, last Thursday, that included Christmas and Hanukkah songs, American spirituals, and a calypso version of "Jingle Bells."

The College Choir, conducted by Dianne Wintrob, began the program with an 18th century madrigal, "Alleluia," followed by a contemporary composition, "Hanukkah Lights." Accompanied by pianist Hae Sun Berwin, the 19-member ensemble sang with enthusiasm and precision.

Soprano Maria Flores was the featured soloist on a modern Christmas song, "O Come to my Heart, Lord Jesus." Swaying slowly to the somber music, she sang with

## High energy, straight-ahead jazz performed

By ROBERT MAIZE  
Staff Writer

"This one is for Lawrence Welk," said tenor saxophonist, John Newsome, with a sly smile.

The irony was that the music he and his quintet played Tuesday afternoon in the LAVC rehearsal hall bore little resemblance to the schmaltzy sounds of the late bubble-meister, Welk.

What they played was high energy, straight-ahead jazz in a program of standard songs and original compositions with a minimum of solos and a maximum of solo improvisations.

Sharing the stage with Newsome were Ron Stout, trumpet and flugelhorn, Paul Moer, piano, Ken Filiano, bass fiddle, and Jerry

clear and powerful authority.

On "Jingle Bells Calypso," the choir was aided by percussion and electric bass for an arrangement that was like a Caribbean sleigh ride.

For the second part of the recital, conductor George Attarian and the Chamber Singers took the stage and performed an energetic a capella round by 20th century composer Benjamin Britten.

On "San Sereni," a singing game from Puerto Rico, the group used rhythm instruments and playful sound effects to recreate the sounds of village life.

Soloist Aaron Bowers led a call-and-answer arrangement of an American spiritual, "Listen to the Angels." Another song featured Keith Ackley in a poignant and mournful solo.

The two groups combined for the final numbers and the audience participated in a rendition of "Silent Night."

Kalaf, drums.

The highlight of the first set was Newsome's "Last Night in Babylon." Played at a wildly fast tempo, the group sped through the maze of chord changes and shifted rhythms like an urban light-rail train powered by be-bop pistons.

On the standard ballad, "I Should Care," Stout played the lead on flugelhorn with a throaty, bubbly tone while Newsome wove a ribbon of harmony around the melody with his warm, fuzzy-sounding saxophone.

Pianist Moer's solos alternated between rapid-fire, single-note passages and clusters of notes that created icy pools of dissonance.

Filiano and Kalaf kept the music chugging along with a subtle yet solid rhythmic feeling, unobtrusively supporting the soloists.

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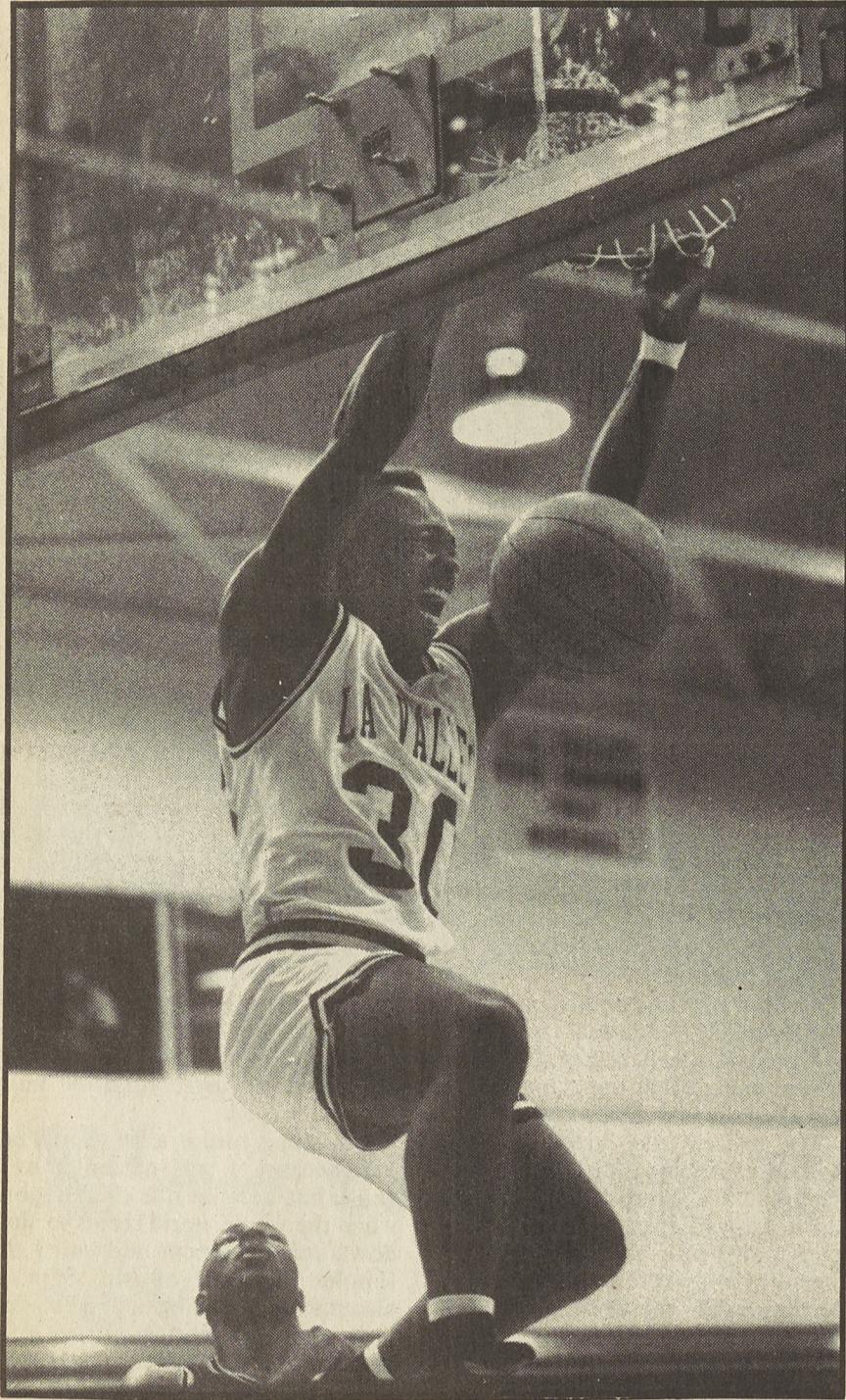
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## Pirates pillage Monarchs, while Women take consolation prize



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**SLAMMIN' IT HOME**— Joe Mauldin nials two of his total 25 points with emphasis. But he couldn't do it all in the 81-63 loss to Ventura.

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME *
<i>Women's Basketball</i>		
12/12	Sacramento City	2p.m. H
12/15	Long Beach	7p.m. H
12/18-20	Coast Christmas Tourn	TBA A
12/27-30	Fullerton Invit. Tourn.	TBA A
01/02	Ventura	5:30 H
01/05	Moorpark	5:30 A
01/07	Compton	5:30 H
<i>Men's Basketball</i>		
12/10,11	L.A. Valley Tourn.	7p.m. H
12/22	Moorpark	7:30 H
12/28-30	College of the Desert Tourn.	TBA A
01/06	El Camino	★ H
01/09	Santa Barbara	★ A
01/13,	Cuesta	★ H
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✓ Western State Conference: Intra-Conference - Round 1

By DANA MEADOR  
Staff Writer

Practice makes perfect as the story goes. What's good for one team may be different for another. Basketball is a unit of five players that work together for a common goal. The goal is to win and play heads up basketball.

### Men

Men's basketball has had close games, but costly turnovers and poor shooting have been in a way, overshadowing the potential of this team. "We're trying to get the team to take higher percentage shots," said Coach Jim Stephens.

The Monarchs have been playing inspired defense, holding opponents under 68 points. However, their shooting woes have placed them in jeopardy with an average of 66 points.

"The season is not over and our goal to make it to the playoffs is still in sight," Stephens said.

Ventura 8-0, defeated the Monarch's 0-9, by 18 points in a 81-63 game. The Monarch's were outscored in the first half by 14 points. The Monarch's scored 35 second half points but it was not enough because Ventura scored 39 of their own.

Leading the Monarch's in the scoring column were Freshmans Joe Mauldin with 25 and Wayne Carlisle who finished the game with 14 points.

### Women

Learning the game is a must and the Lady Monarchs have managed to take their game to the next level. With one loss at the Sequoias Invitational Tournament, the Lady Monarchs came away with a consolation prize.

Enthusiasm and hardwork have paid off for this talented team. Beside a desire to win games, several players have said they just love to play basketball. "They are willing to learn the basics and apply them to their games," said Head Coach Doug Michelson.

Three full time coaches are responsible for finding those right mixtures that have made the Lady Monarchs natural talent explosive.

"An athlete that comes to this program will be treated with respect," said Michelson. Many of the players that come to this program are recruited from the area.

"Recruitment of athletes is essential to the stability of a winning program," Michelson said.

Women's basketball has experienced success off the court as well. "Ninety percent of the athletes graduate and go on to four year programs," Michelson said.

During the months of December and January, both squads will continue to play games and keep their eyes focused on the championships.

### • Basketball profile

## Dynamic force Horst leads Lady Monarchs

By ANNA VILLA  
News Editor

Lean and sinewy but packed with a dynamic force that has accentuated Valley's powerful women's basketball team for two seasons, Amy Horst is already exploding with the starting buzzer.

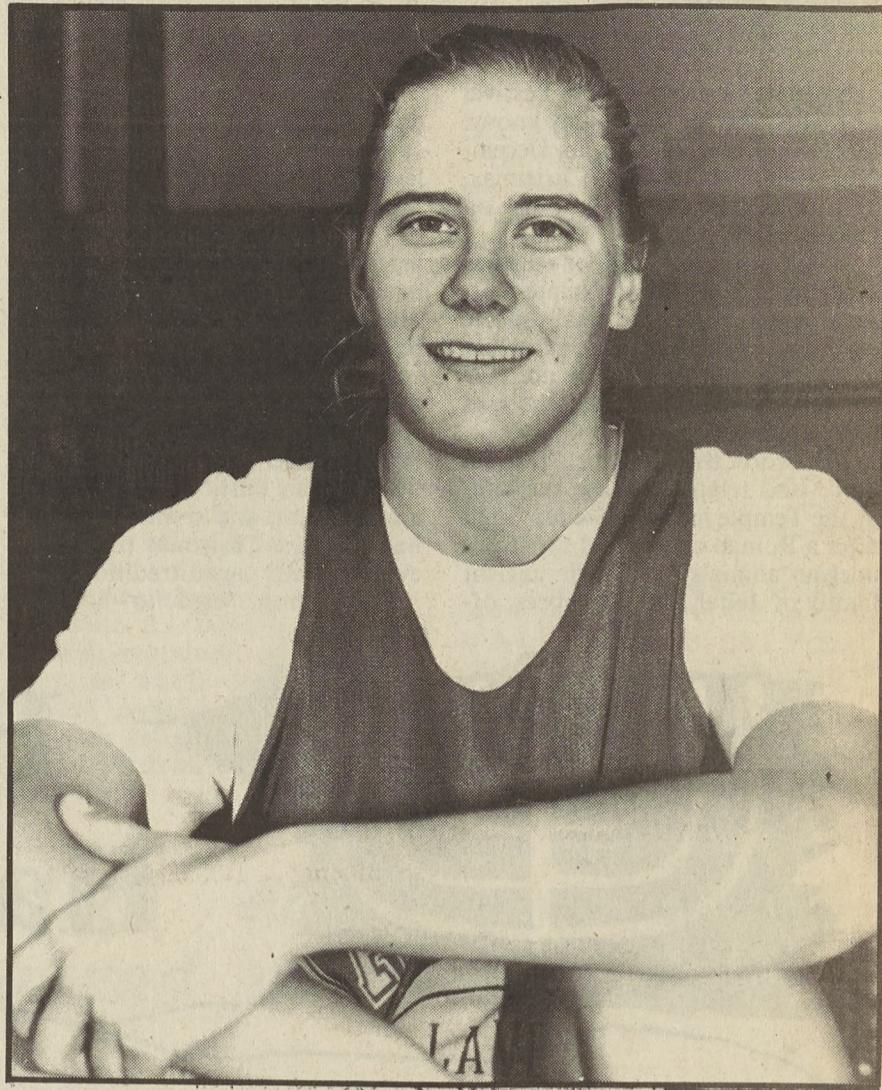
Tipping off the season by tallying 31 points and 35 rebounds to lead the Monarchs in a 3-0 start, Horst was named Most Valuable Player in the Mt. Sac Tip-off Tournament and has been dubbed Athlete of the Month for November.

Resting her six-foot lanky frame on a bench, Horst said she was surprised about being named athlete of the month. "I don't play [basketball] to get awards like that...I just play for the satisfaction of being part of the team," she said.

The 19 year-old center for the Monarchs has been playing the game for only five seasons but has managed to reap many rewards from her skills, most of which rest in her rebound ability, she said. Last year she was the third leading rebounder in the conference averaging 8.2 r.p.g. At Cleveland High, Horst was all-city for two years and Co-MVP of her league last year.

The two-year level has been more satisfying for her because, she said, she likes the harder level of competition. "In basketball it's gotta be the five players working on the court and the team on the bench, one can't slack off because then it's like a five-on-four game - It's gotta be everybody or else there's less chance of winning," she said.

Although she is still a novice in the game, it essentially replaced her first love, softball. She is still holding on to softball, which she has played as shortstop for 12 years, by squeezing in time to compete for Pierce. "I like softball, I don't want to let it go but basketball is fast-moving, more exciting. Softball has become a recreational sport. Basketball is tiring but really exciting,"



Lady Monarch Amy Horst

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Horst said.

There was an undecisive moment this semester because Horst had not wanted to play basketball because of the overwhelming feat of juggling 12 units of schoolwork, basketball, softball and her job fueling private airplanes at Van Nuys Airport on the weekends. Her parents goaded her on and she decided to stick it out this season.

Horst said she would like to win a scholarship for basketball and is shooting to make the clubs at either Colorado State, UC Davis or Cal

Poly San Luis Obispo. Her long range plans lie in becoming a veterinarian and landing a spot at Colorado State would be the ideal since it has excellent pre-veterinarian and veterinarian programs, "and the location is just so nice - it's beautiful there," she said.

Horst is confident about her skills although she needs to work on her dribbling she said with a smile.

This season will be her last as a Monarch and she said the team has a good chance of getting further than last year's season.

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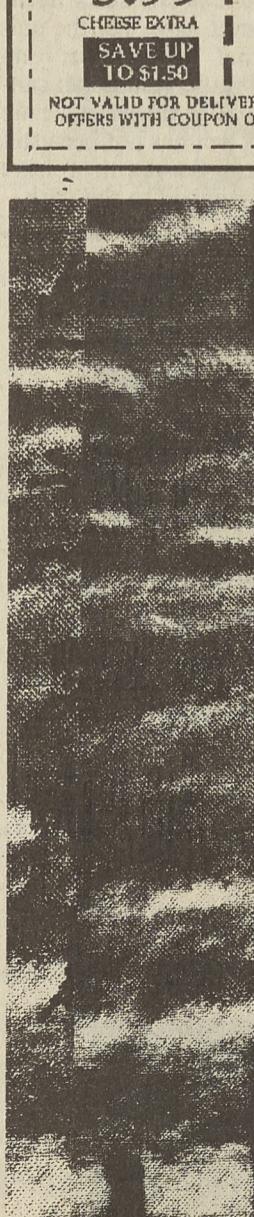
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